

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants & Projects Manager
Through: Chief Robert Jones, Gautier Fire Department
Date: March 11, 2014
Subject: FY 2013 Fire Prevention and Safety Program Grant Application

REQUEST:

The Gautier Fire Departments requests City Council authorization to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security- Federal Emergency Management Agency for FY 2013 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP & S) Program funding.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the FP & S Program is to provide activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards. Grant award recipients will be notified between May 1, 2014 and August 31, 2014. The period of performance is twelve months from the date of the award.

DISCUSSION:

The Gautier Fire Department recognizes the importance of properly installed smoke detectors in every room where residents sleep. The Fire Dept. therefore proposes to implement a program that includes door-to-door smoke alarm installations and home safety inspections as part of a comprehensive home fire safety campaign. The grant request will include educational materials and funding for smoke alarms with non-removable, non-replaceable batteries that have a minimum life of 10 years. The Fire Department plans to apply for funding for an amount not to exceed \$30,000. The grant requires a 5% local match (or up to \$1,500). If the grant is awarded, the Fire Department will stagger the purchases so that the local match will not be required until FY2014-2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Fire Department recommends that City Council authorize the submission of an application for FY 2013 Fire Prevention and Safety Program Grant funding as outlined above prior to the March 21, 2014 deadline.

The City Council may:

1. approve submission of an application for FY2013 FP & S Program Grant funding as described above; or
2. approve submission of an application for FY2013 FP & S funding with changes; or
3. disapprove submission of an application for FY2013 FP & S funding.

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A